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THE ENGLISH DESCENT OF JOHN PLEASANTS (1645-1698),
OF HENRICO COUNTY, VIRGINIA.

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WILL OF JOHN PLEASANTS, EMIGRANT.

In the name of God Amen, the 27th of 7ber, 1690, I John Pleasants of Curles in the County of Henrico, being of good and perfect remembrance prayse be given to Almighty God and knowing that naturally I am bourn to dye and to pass from this mortall World & transitory life and minding to put in order as well of all and Singular my land Goods and Chattles, w'ch, it hath pleased God to lend me and bestowe upon me, as also to declare how I have disposed the same to the Intent there should be no strife in or about them after my disceace, and first I will that all those Debts w'ch I shall owe unto any person or persons at the time of my disceace, be well and truly contented and paid within convenient time, Item I Give Grant and bequeath unto John Pleasants my sonn Bourn of the Body of my dear and loving Wife Jane Pleasants formerly the wife and Executrix of Samuel Tucker deceas'd all that plantation or Dividend of Land whereon I now dwell cald Curles, containing by Estimation Three hundred Acres, which Said Plantation was by me purchased of Wm. Cookson and for the better assureance thereof made over and conveyed to me by William Beauchampe as heir at Law of his Brother John Beauchampe deceas'd as also I give unto my Said Sonn John Pleasants all that plantation or Dividend of Land, by me purchased of Philip Ludwell, called Timber Slash being by Pattent Nine Hundred Acres be it found more or less as also I give unto my Said Sonn John my part of A tract of Land lately taken up between the John Woodson, Henry Rowing and myselfe the whole tract being a bout Seven hundred acres one halfe part being mine, cal'd halfe Sinke, all which sa'd plantation, Tract & Dividend of Land a bove mentioned I give devise and bequeath with their appurtenances, unto my Said Son John Pleasants and unto the heirs of his Bodye for Ever, and for lack of Such Issue, I Give the Said Land with their appurtenances unto my Son Joseph Pleasants, bourn also of the Body of my Dear and Loving Wife Jane Pleasants and for Lack of Such Issue unto my Daughter Eliz'th Pleasants bourn likewise of the Bodye of my dear and loving wife Jane Pleasants and to both their heirs for Ever, and for lack of Such Issue unto my Brother Sam'el Pleasants and to His heirs for Ever, and lack of such Issue unto my Brother Benjamin Pleasants and to the heirs of his Body for Ever also I give unto my s'd Sonn John Pleasant three young

Pleasants and to the heirs of his Body, forever and for lack of Such Issue to the next right heirs of me the S'd John Pleasants the father, for Ever also I give unto my s'd Sonn John Pleasant three yound Breeding mares, besides those formerly Given him with their Increase of Both male and female for Ever which my mind & will it should be del'livd by my Executx Hereafter named, with in Twelve month after my desease, also I do give unto my S'd Son John Three Cows with Calves by their Sides, Six breeding Sows, Ten Ewes and one Ram and also the new large feather Bed, with all furniture belonging to it and two new pair of Sheetes as also one Iron Pott Six pewter dishes one Iron Spitt two Gunns besides that which was sent for, for him, one Silver Tumbler and four Silver Spoons marked E p all which was Given unto him except the Land, shall be delivered to him as aforesaid within Twelve months after my desceace by my Executrix and then to have as much of the Land I now live upon, as he with his Servants can make use of or Land upon any part of the Devedend where his mother shall think fitt conveniently to place him, with full priviledge as well upon that as upon any other of the whole Devidend or Tract of Land given to him to gett Timber and fenceing and what else he may have occasion for, for any manner of work, which the said Lands and plantations by the disieace of his mother shall come into his own actual possession, Butt Incase my Said Sonn John Pleasants Should depart this Life ere the time these Goods and Chattels should be delivered unto him then I do devise and bequeath the Same unto his Sister Elizabeth and Brother Joseph Pleasants part and part a like to be equally divided, and to be delivered to them at the Age of Eighteen years respectively or within one year after my desceace the such shall first hapen and if either of them two should Depart this life ere the time lymitted then the Survivor of them to have and enjoye the whole, Item I Give Grant Devise and bequeath unto my Said Daughter Elizabeth Pleasants Bourn of the Body of my dear and loving wife Jane Pleasants as afore Said that Plantation or Devidend of Land by me purchased of Abraham Childers, bounding upon Curles Swamp containing by Estimation Seventy acres be the same more or less as also that plantation or devidend of Land by me purchased of Henry Rowing and Robert Woodson both which contains about four hundred acres be ye Same more or less, both which s'd plantations devidend or Tract of Land I give unto my Said Daughter Elizabeth Pleasants and to the Heirs of her Body for Ever and for Lacke of Such Issue unto my Sonn John Pleasants and the Heirs of his Body for ever, and for lack of Such Issue unto my Sonn Joseph Pleasants and to the Heirs of his Body for Ever and for Lack of Such Issue to the next Right Heirs of me the said John Pleasants the father for Ever, also

I give unto my S'd Daughter Elizabeth Pleasants Two Cows with Calves by their Side one Good feather Bed with all furniture belonging to it Two p'rs of Good Sheetes Six Ewes and one Ram one Silver Tumbler and five Silver Spoons and one Small Silver Tankcard the Tumbler and Spoons marked E P and the Tankcard E W as also one breeding mare besides those formerly Given her which said Mare shall be young not Exceeding Seven years nor under four all such s'd Land Goods and Chattles now given her my mind and will it should be delivered unto my Said Daughter Eliz Pleasants and w't more shall be thought meet to be given her by her mother, as followith, Viz't The Goods and Chattels within twelve month after my decease the Lands when her mother pleaseth if sees convenient to lett her have them during her Said mothers lifetyme, if not at her descease but if my S'd Daughter Elizabeth Pleasants should depart this life before the time these Goods and Chattles should be delivered to her, then I doe give devise bequeath the same unto my Sonns John and Joseph Pleasants that is to say the plantation Joyning upon Curles Swamp unto my Sonn John Pleasants and to his heirs for Ever and that bought of Henry Rowing and Robert Woodson unto my Son Joseph Pleasants and to his heirs for Ever, and the Chattles and Goods to be Equally devided between them part and part a like, to be delivered unto them within the time a boves'd butt if Either of my S'd Sonns John or Joseph Pleasants should depart this life before the time limited then I do Give devise and Bequeath as well the said two plantations or Dividends of Lands as the Goods and Chattles unto the Suvivour of them.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

THE BROOKE FAMILY.

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I. S. C. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

Sur. File 6763 BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

Rev. War. WASHINGTON, D. C., September 29, 1909.

Sir,—In reply to your request of September 21, received September 24, 1909, for a statement of the military history of Humphrey Brooke, a soldier of the Revolutionary War, you will find below the desired information as contained in his application for pension on file in this Bureau.